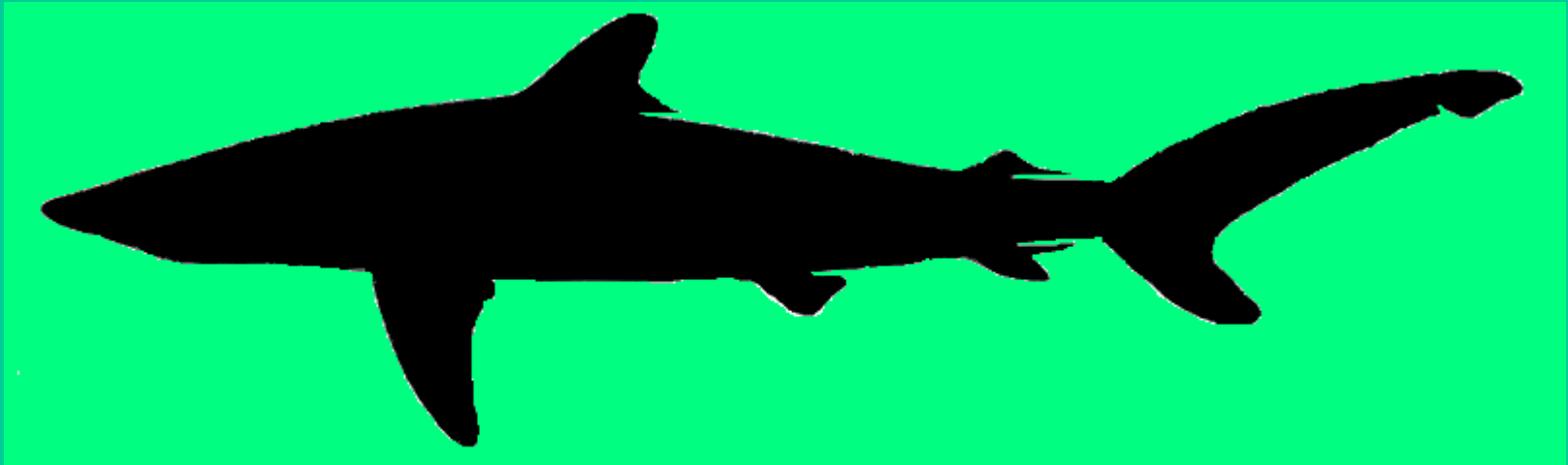


# Shark Identification

## The Requiem sharks

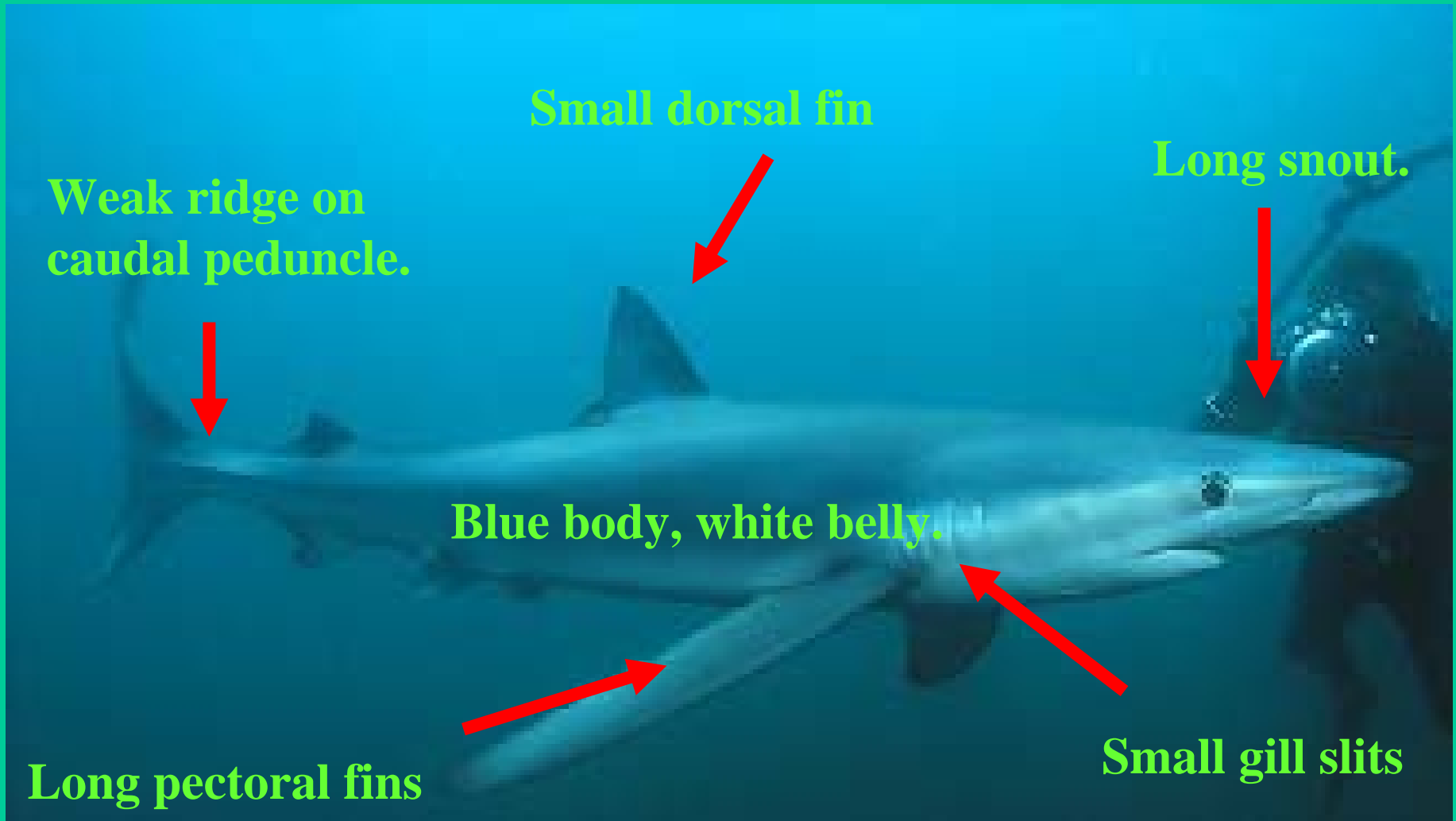


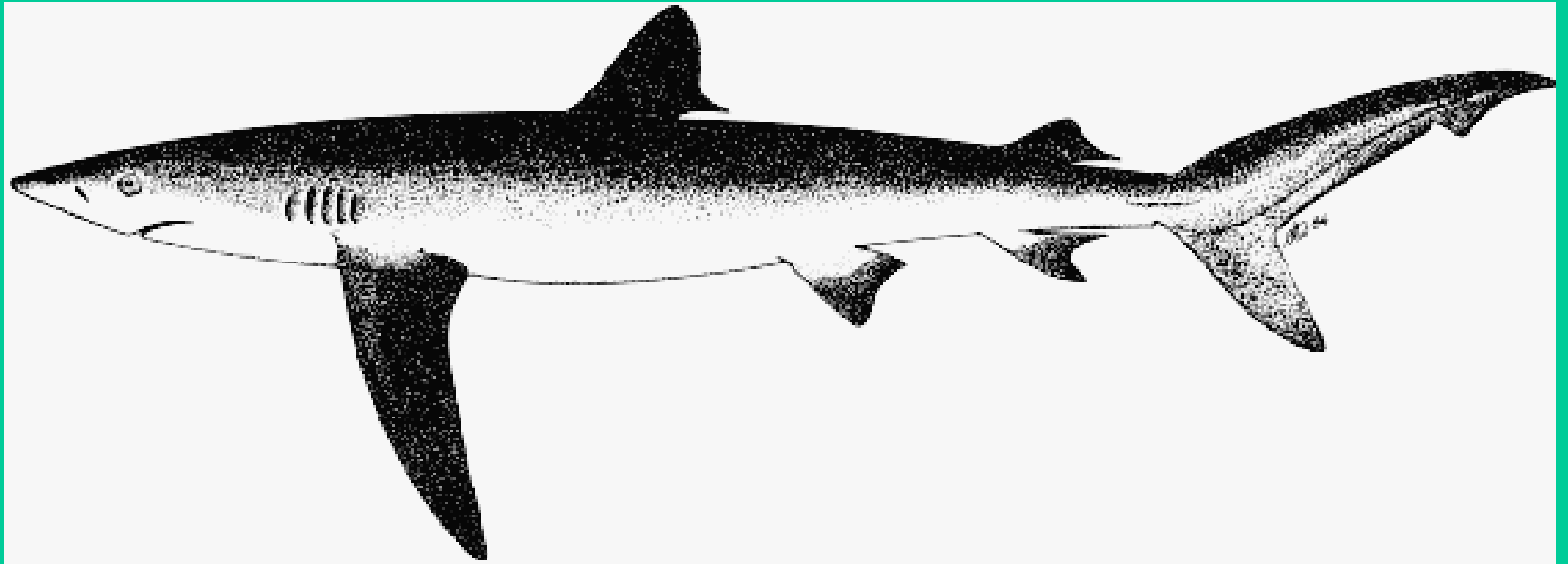
Requiem shark species encountered in the Hawaii pelagic longline fishery.

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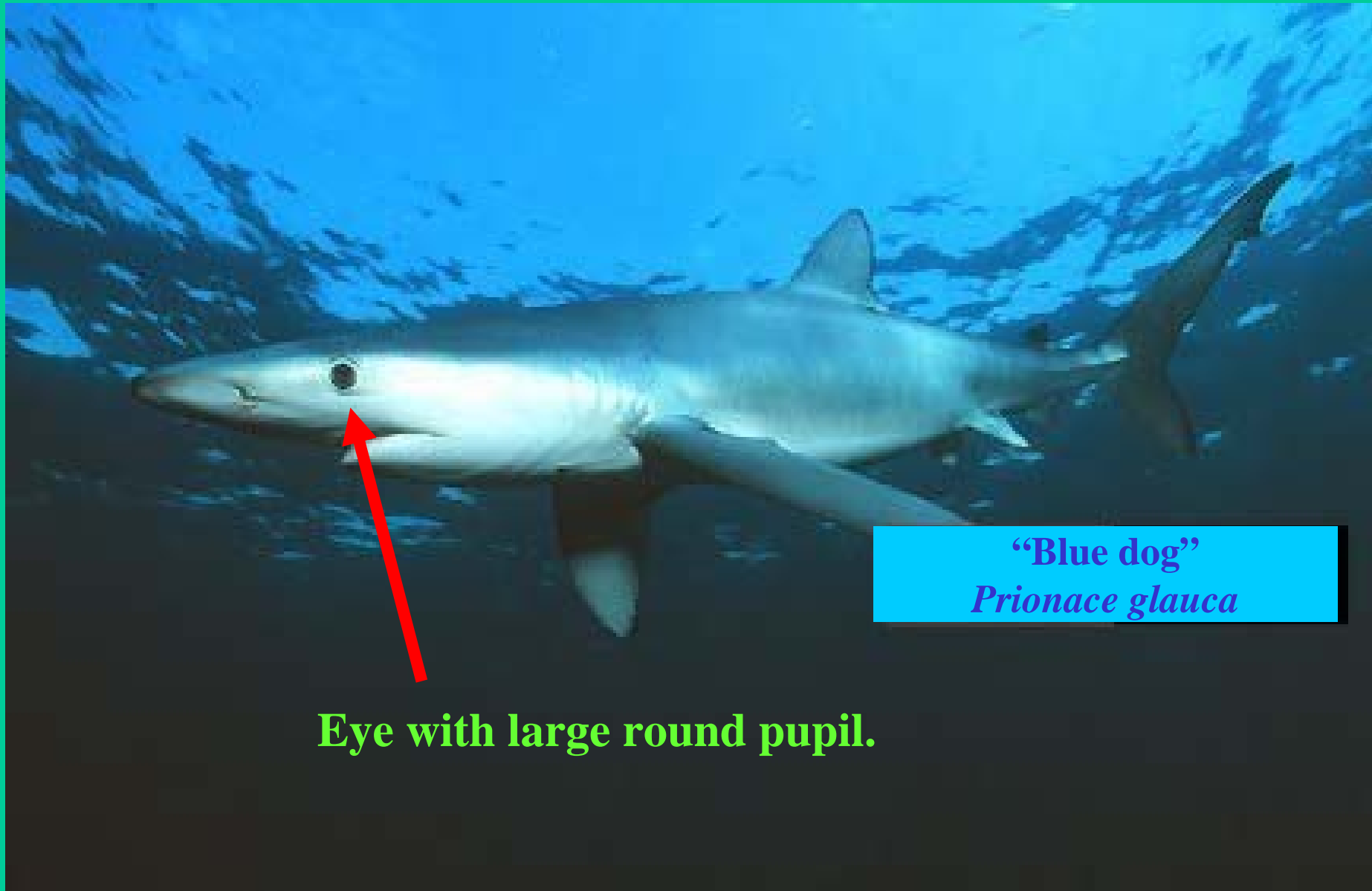
- Blue shark
- Oceanic white-tip shark
- Silky shark
- Sandbar shark
- Galapagos shark
- Tiger shark
- Blacktip shark

**Blue Shark**  
*Prionace glauca*





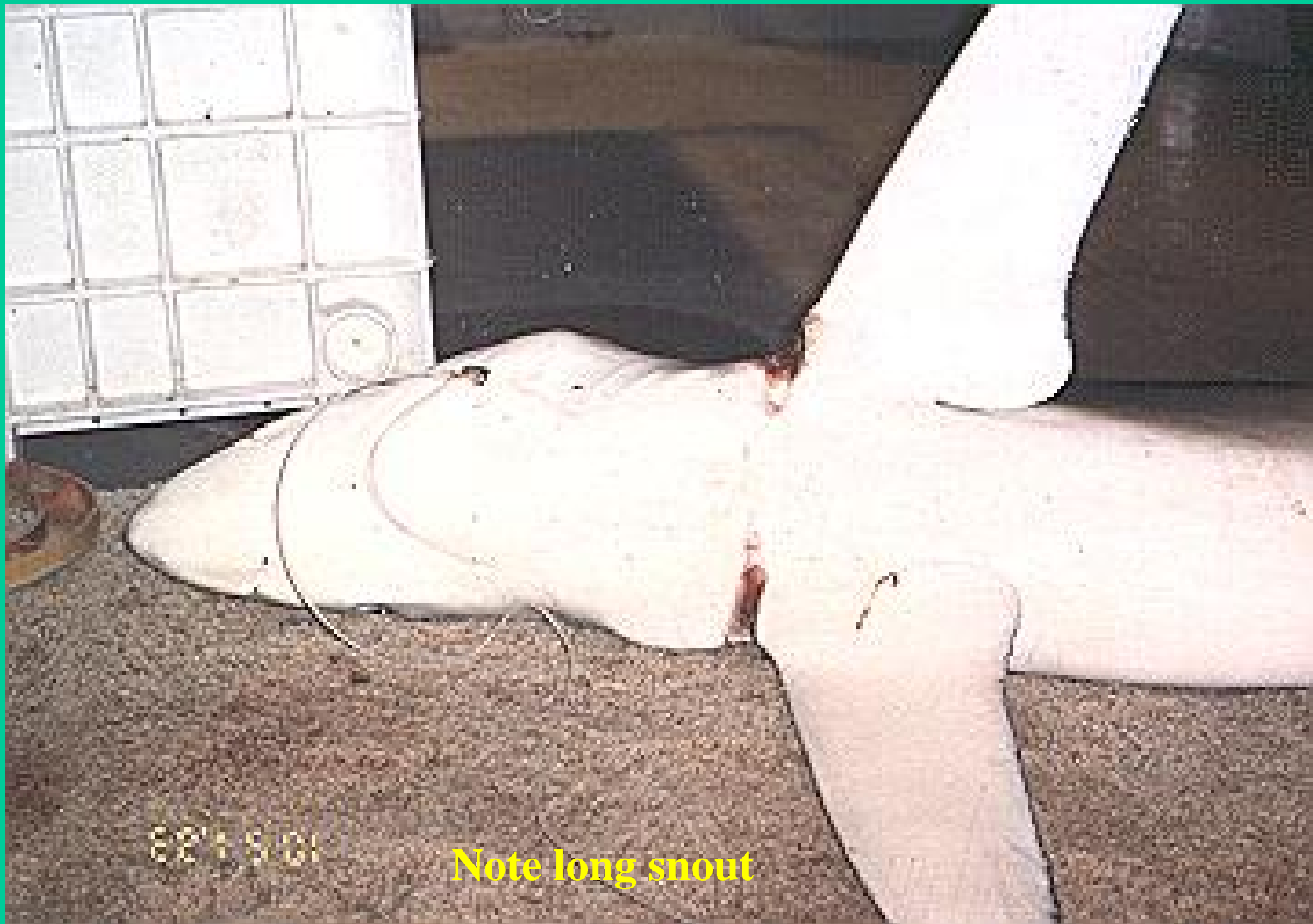
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**“Blue dog”**  
*Prionace glauca*

**Eye with large round pupil.**





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Note long snout









# Oceanic White-tip shark



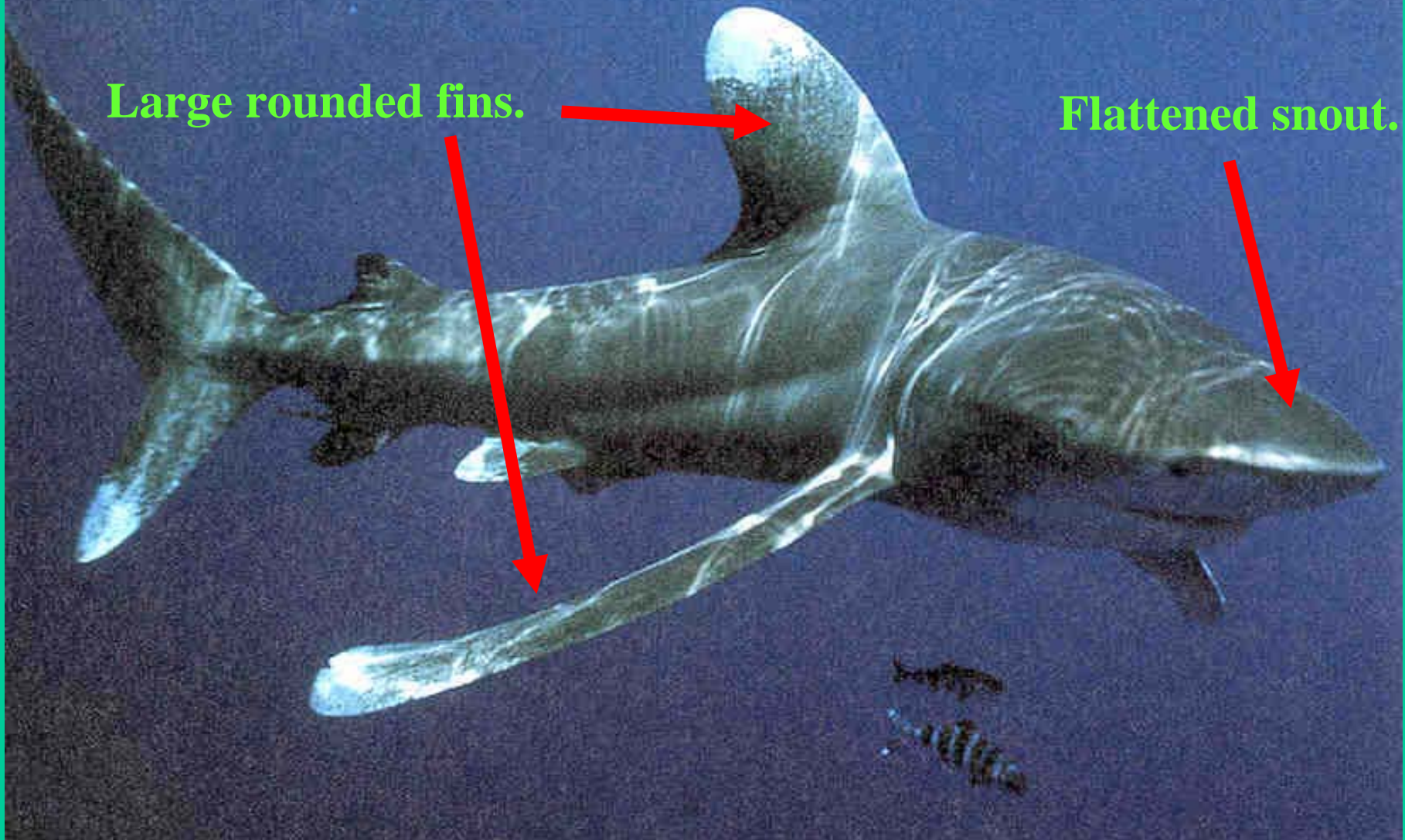
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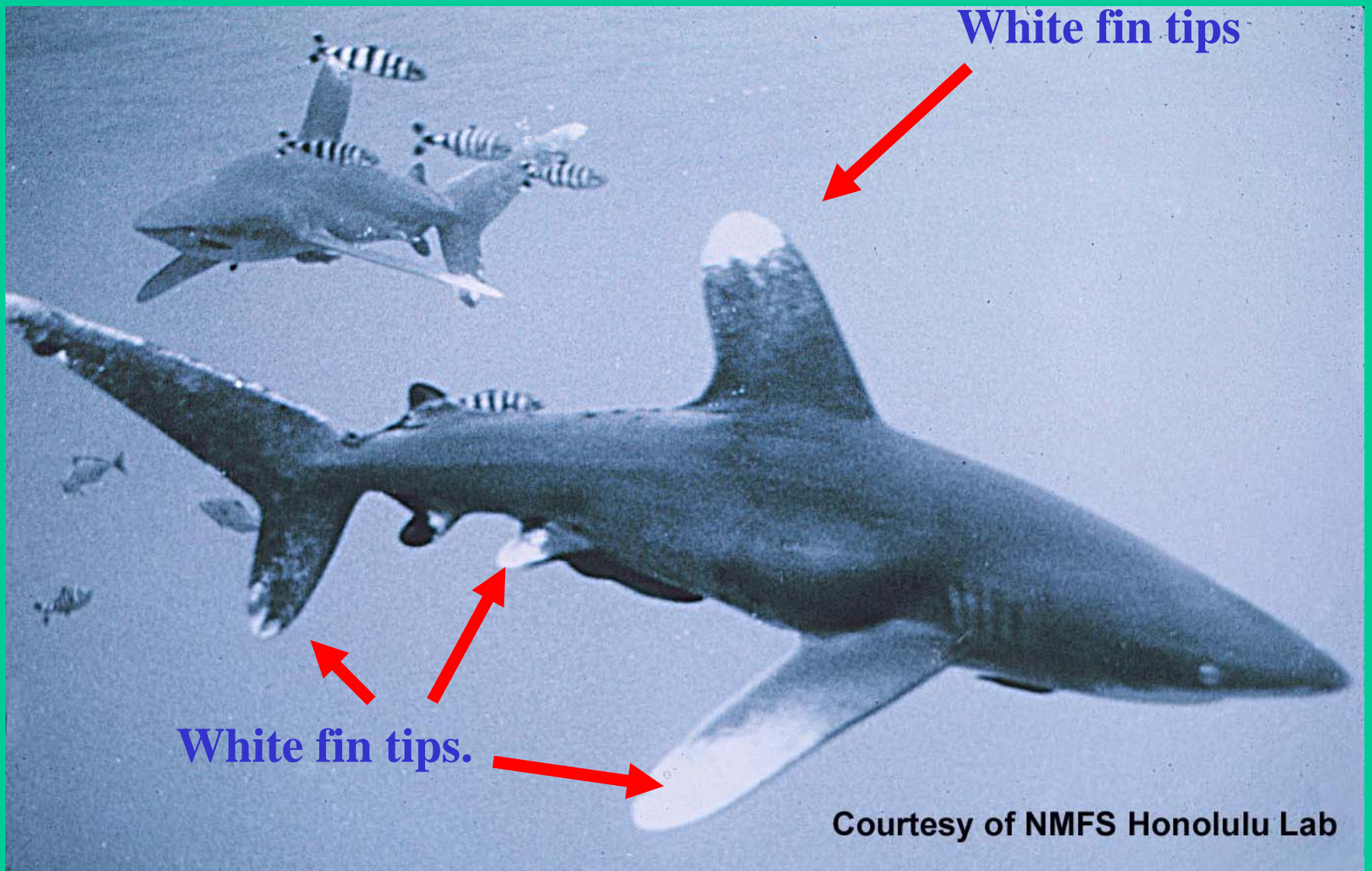
# Oceanic White-tip Shark

Large rounded fins.

Flattened snout.





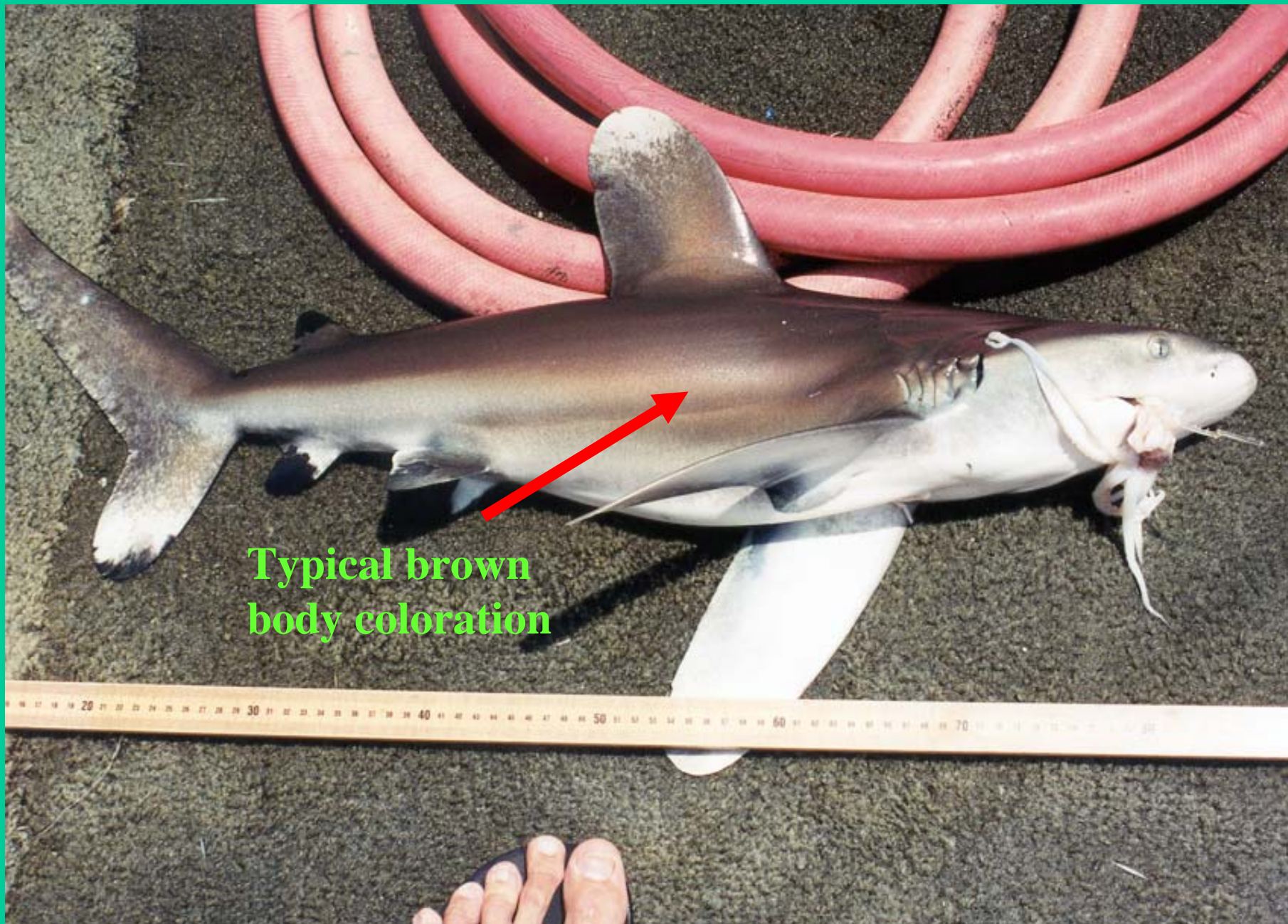


White fin tips

White fin tips.

Courtesy of NMFS Honolulu Lab

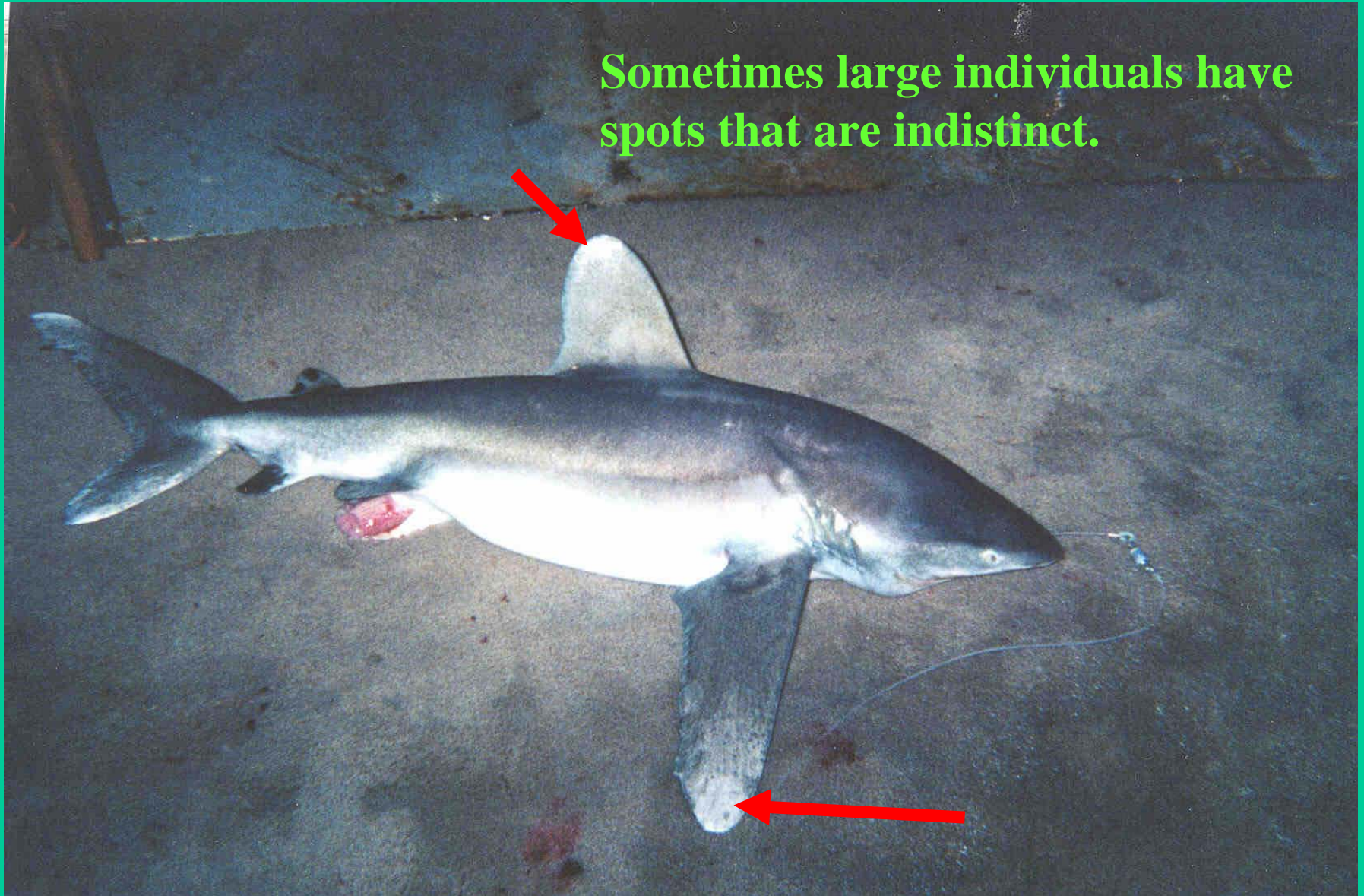




Typical brown  
body coloration



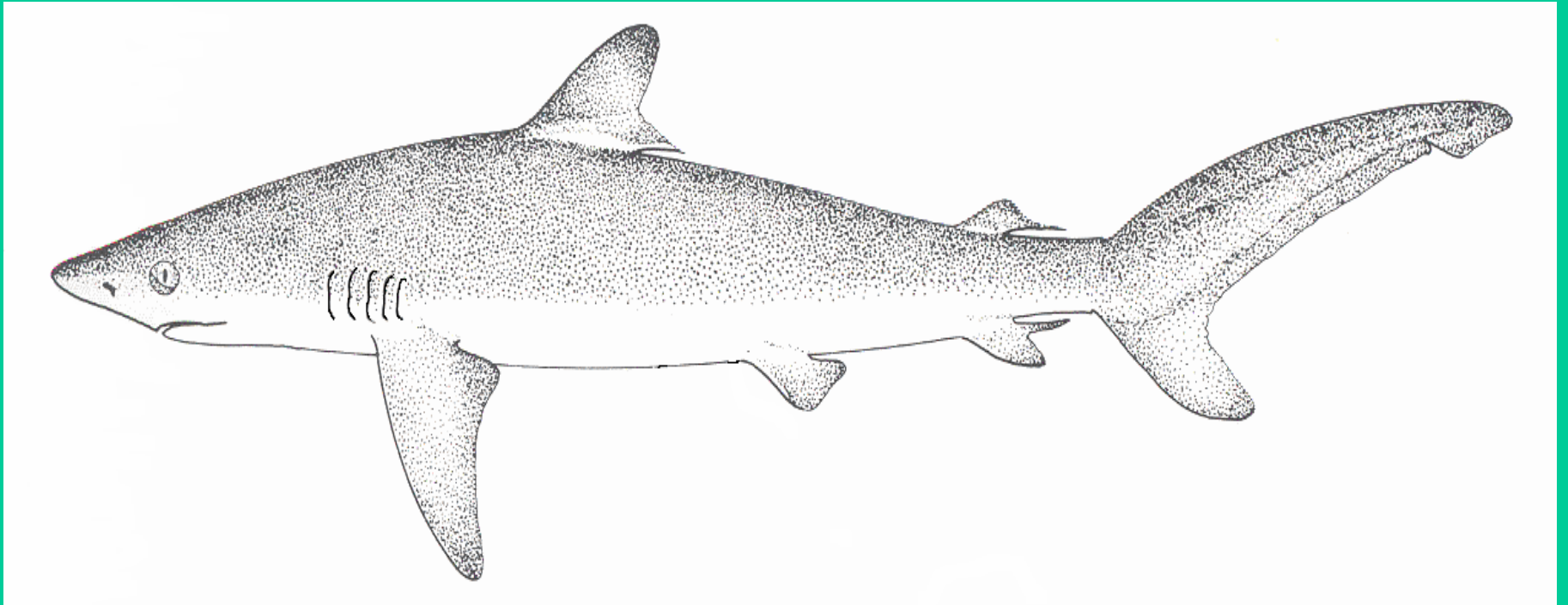
Sometimes large individuals have spots that are indistinct.



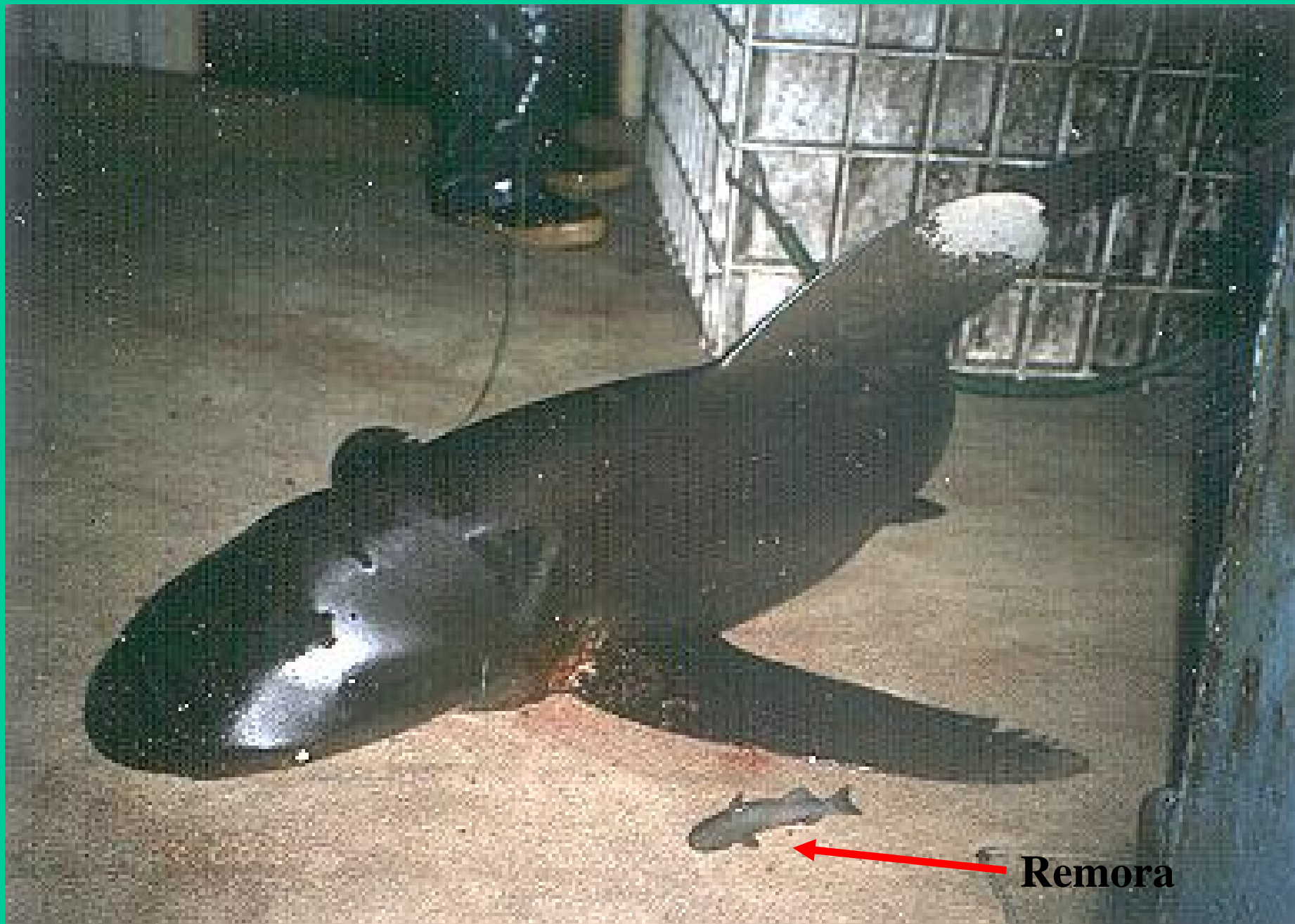




**Silky shark**  
*Carcharhinus falciformis*



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**Remora**



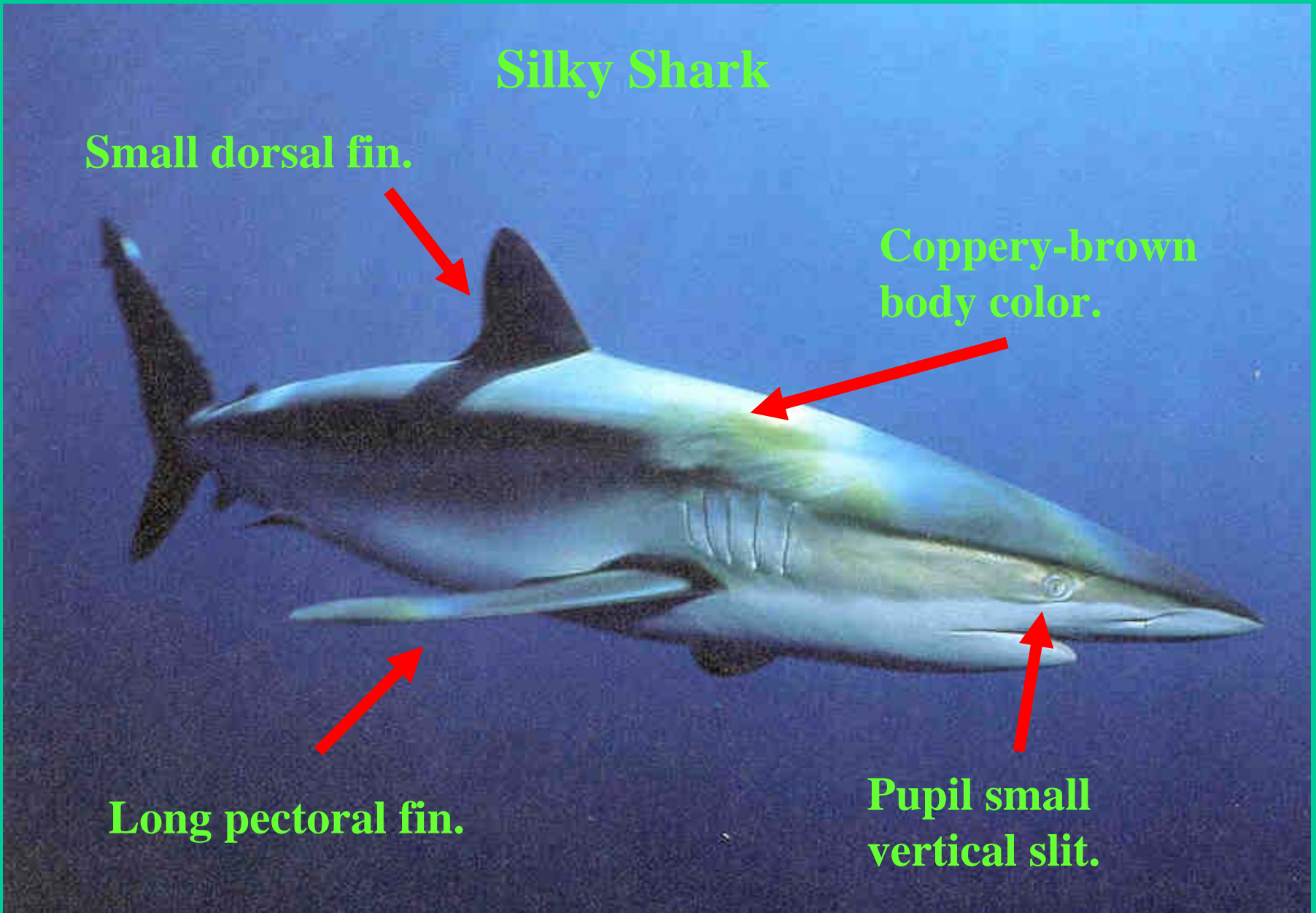
## Silky Shark

Small dorsal fin.

Coppery-brown  
body color.

Long pectoral fin.

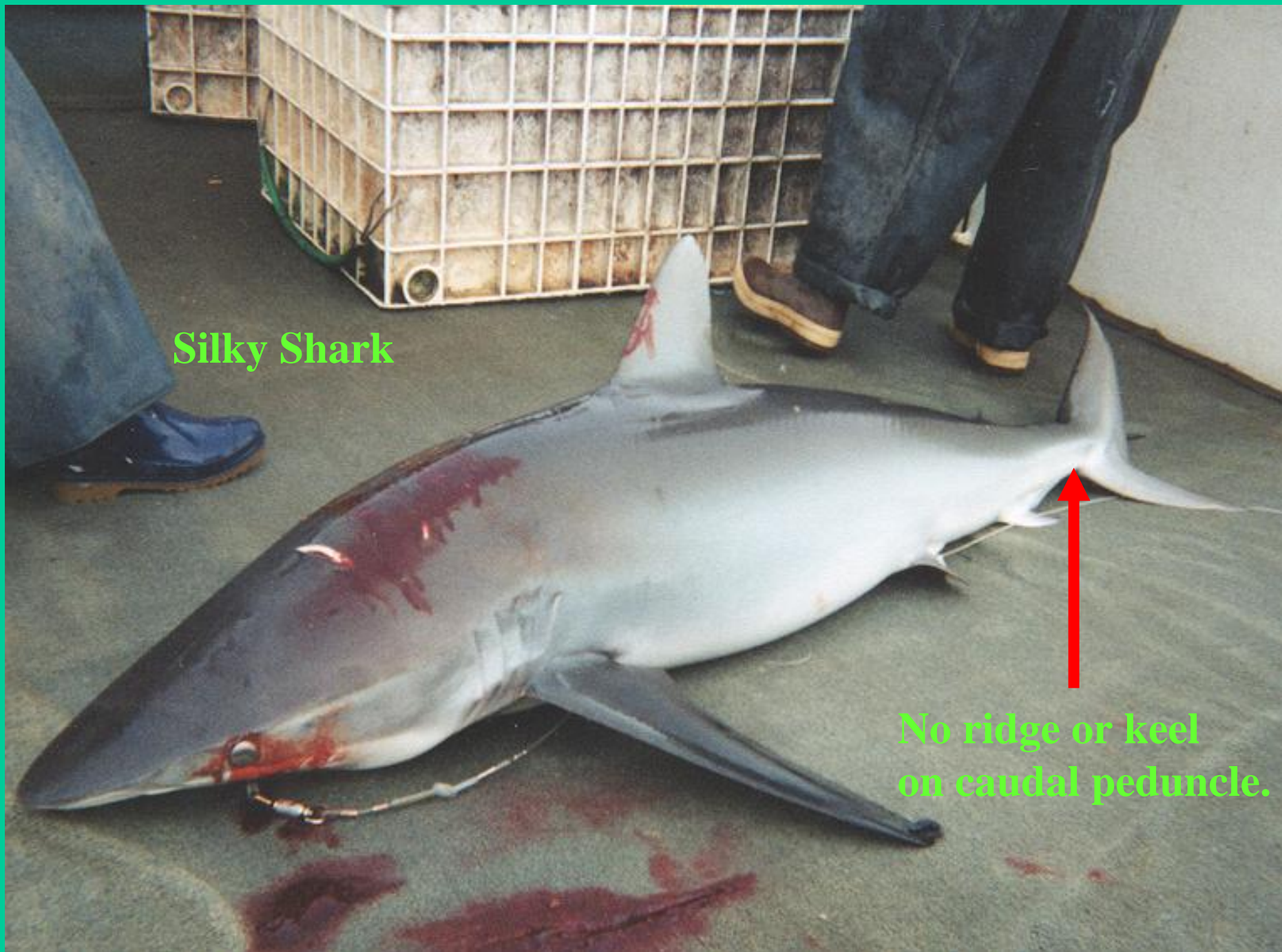
Pupil small  
vertical slit.

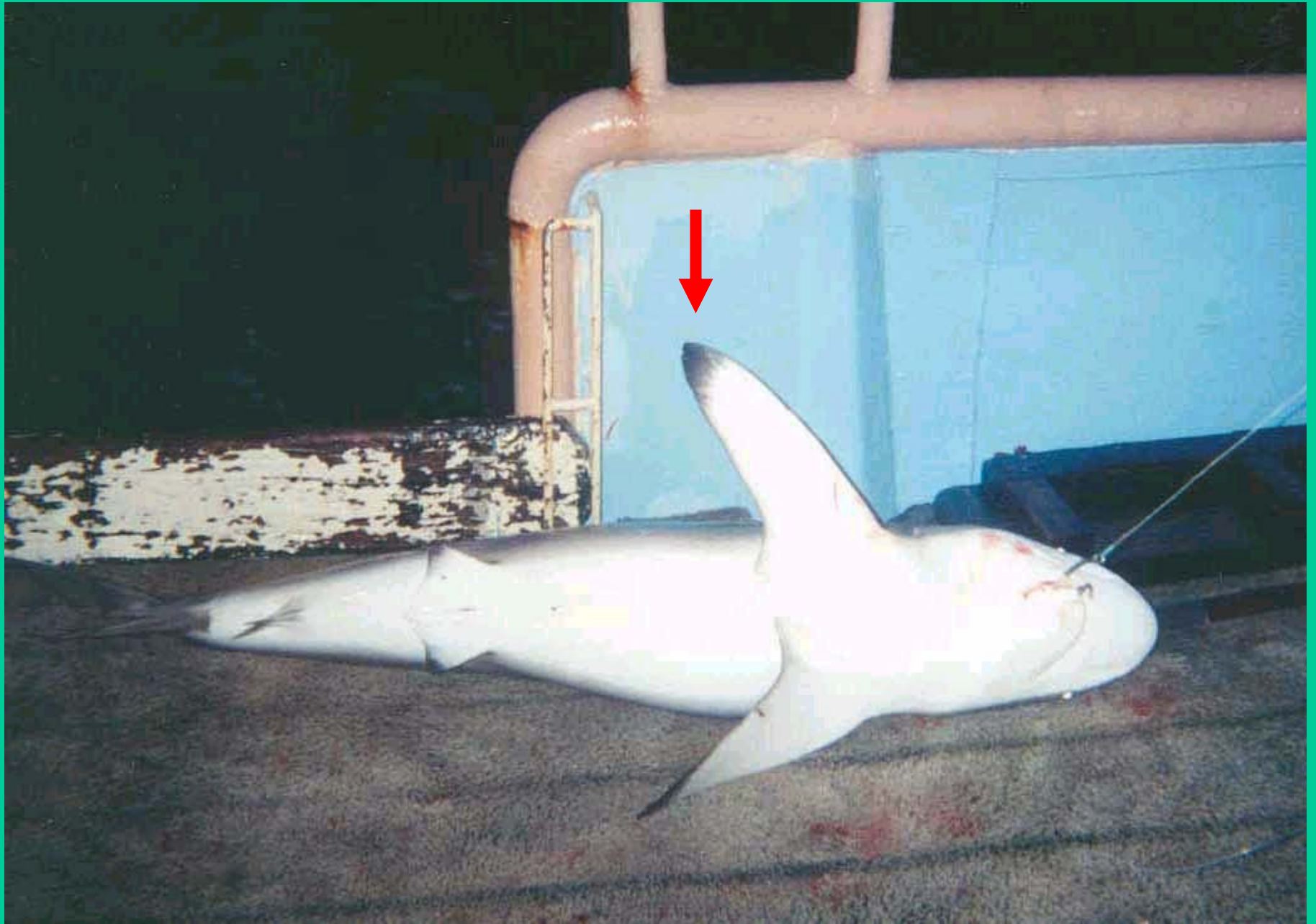




**Silky Shark**

**No ridge or keel  
on caudal peduncle.**





**Dark tip of pectoral fin on ventral side of pectoral fin**

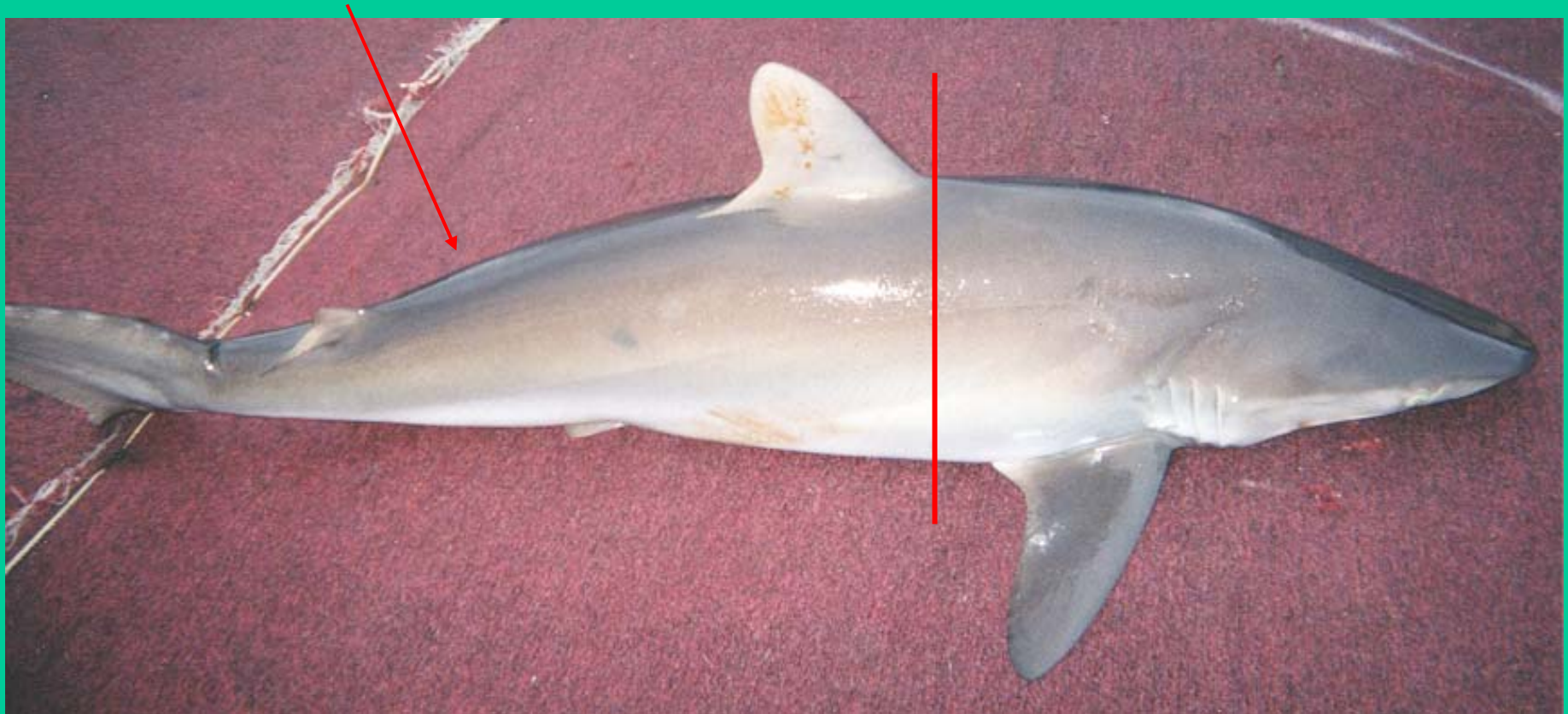




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Observer  
John  
Rand

## Key diagnostic features

**Interdorsal ridge**



**Dorsal fin clearly behind pectorals**

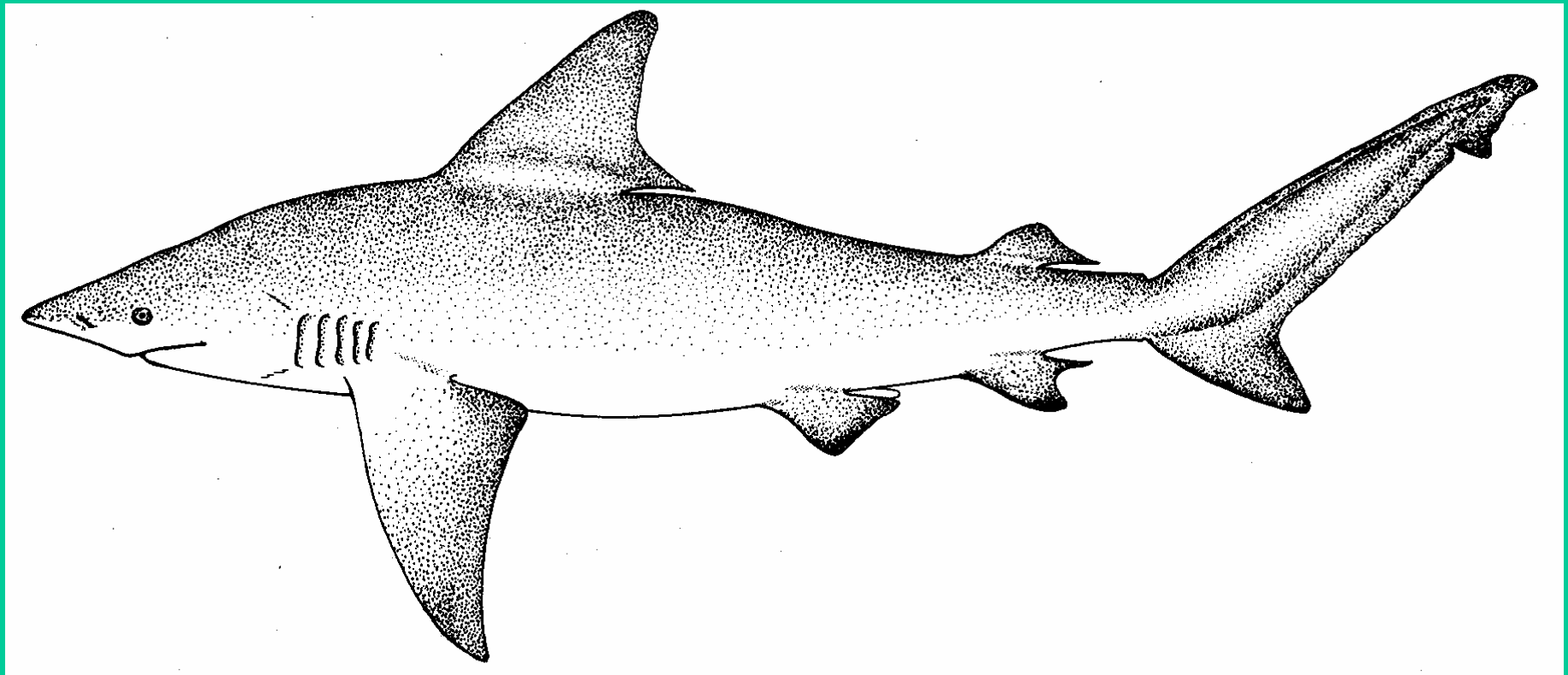




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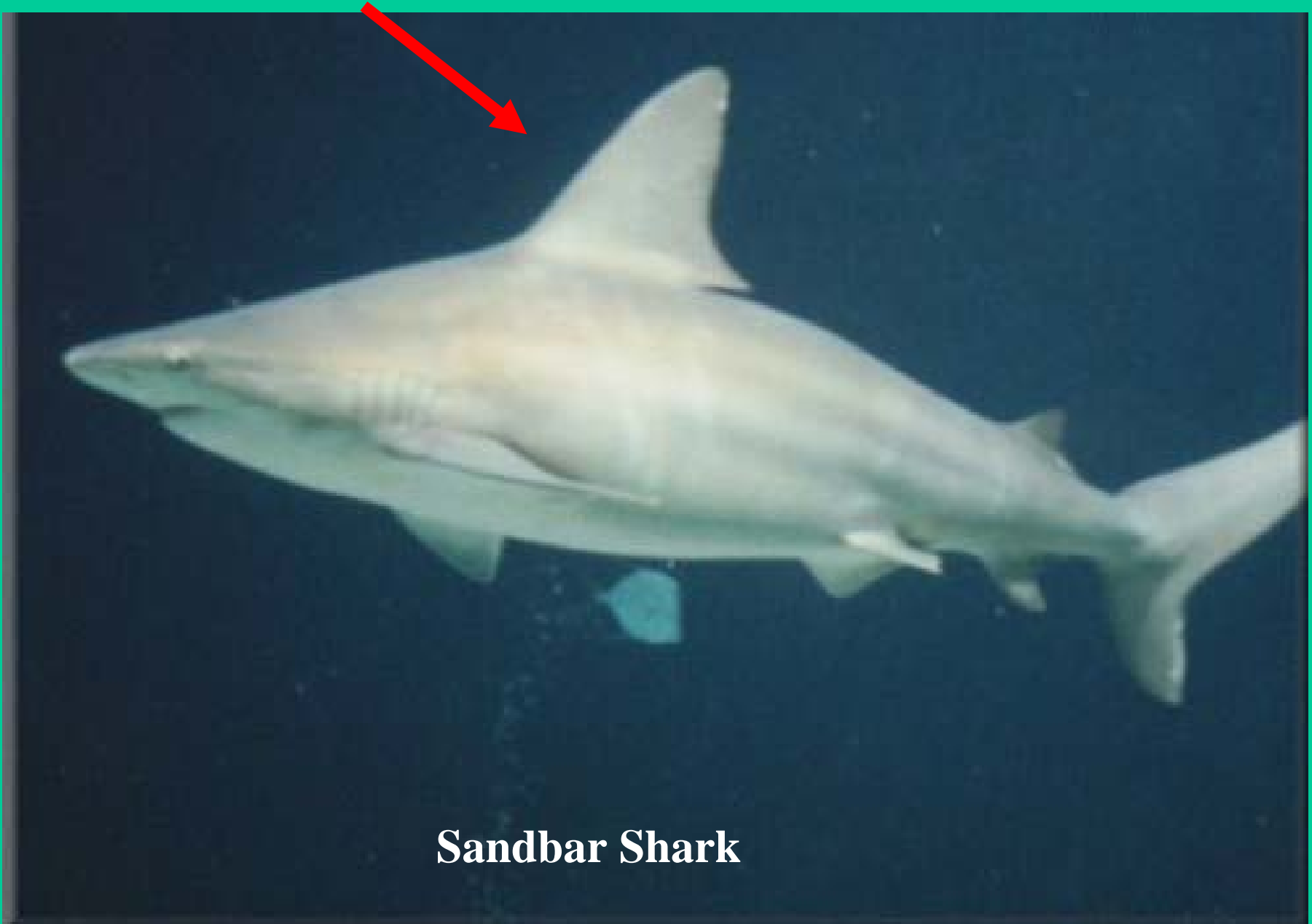


**Sandbar shark**  
*Carcharhinus plumbeus*



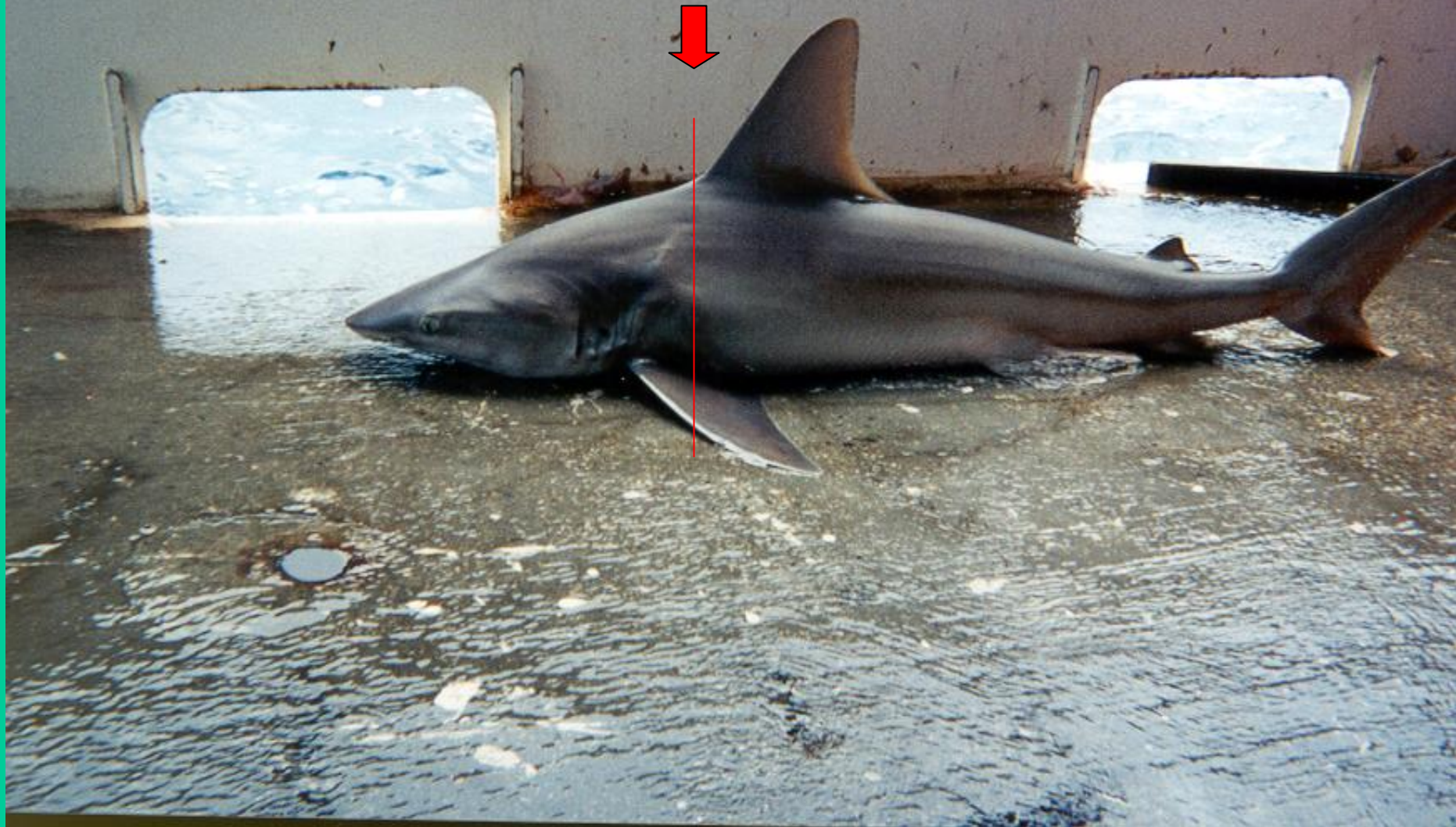
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**Prominent dorsal fin**



**Sandbar Shark**

**Insertion of dorsal fin relative to insertion  
of the pectoral fin.**





**Typical body coloration of a Sandbar shark. No pattern of spots on body or fins.**





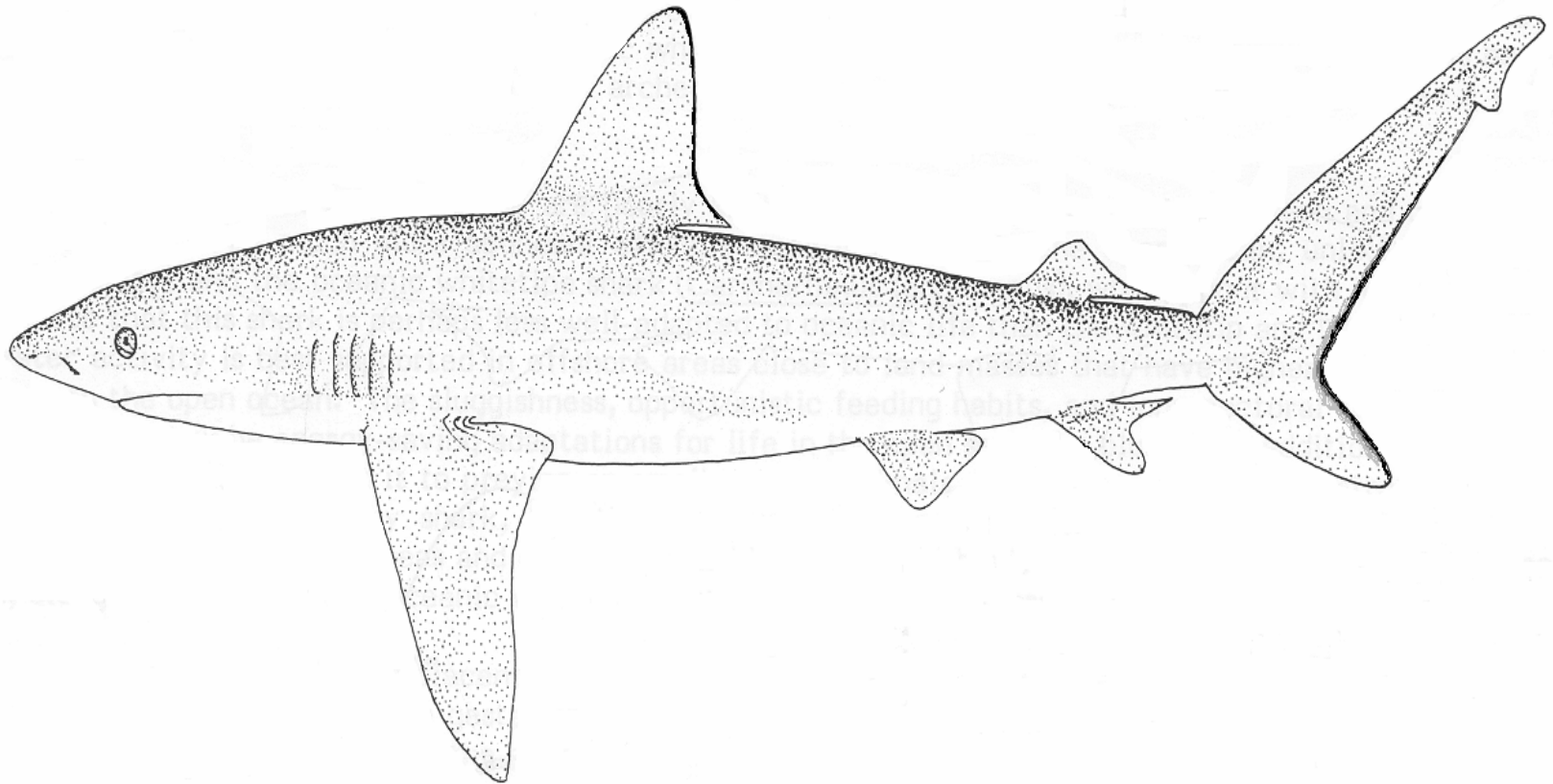






# Galapagos Shark

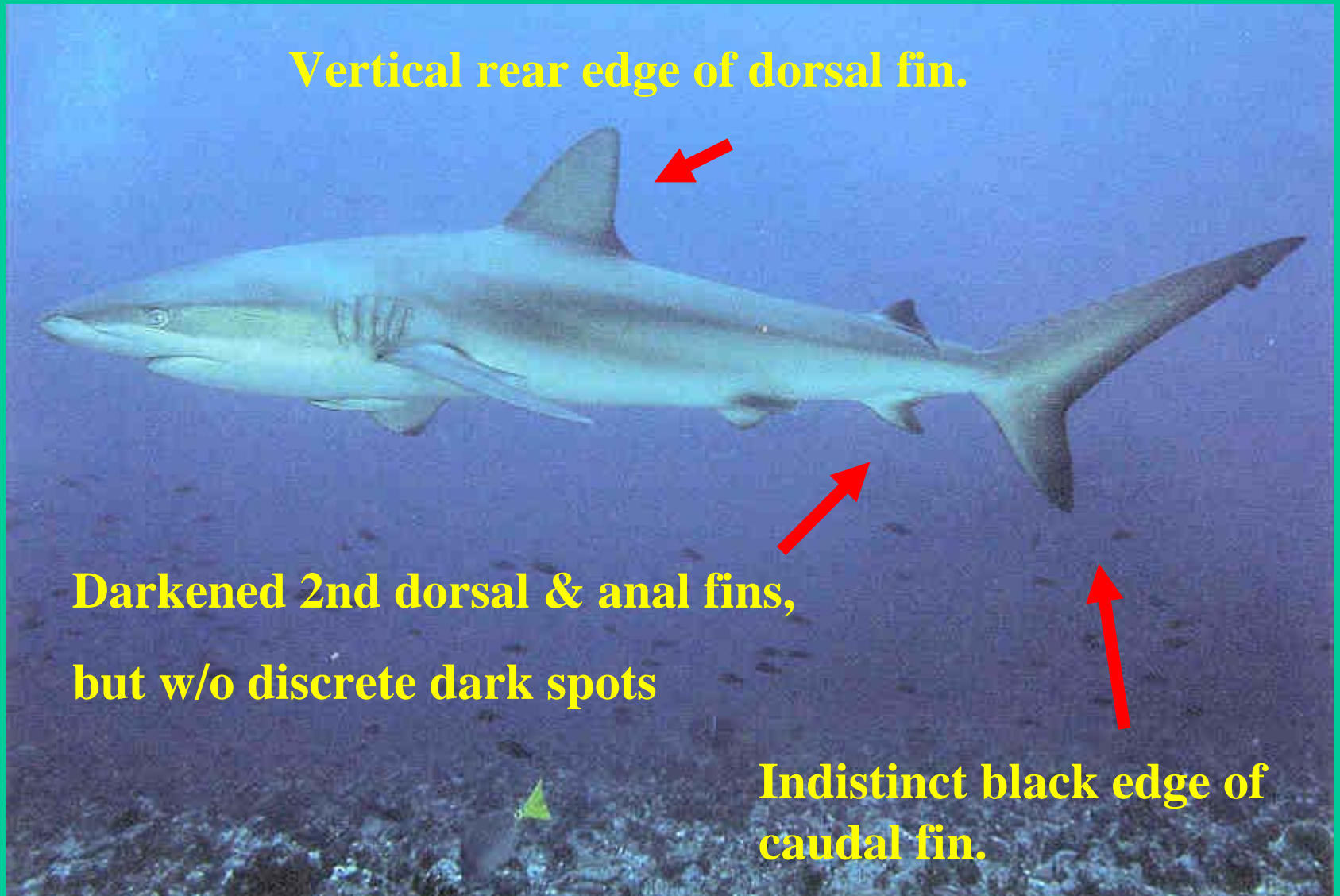
*Carcharhinus galapagenis*



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**Vertical rear edge of dorsal fin.**



**Darkened 2nd dorsal & anal fins,  
but w/o discrete dark spots**

**Indistinct black edge of  
caudal fin.**

**Black trailing edge**



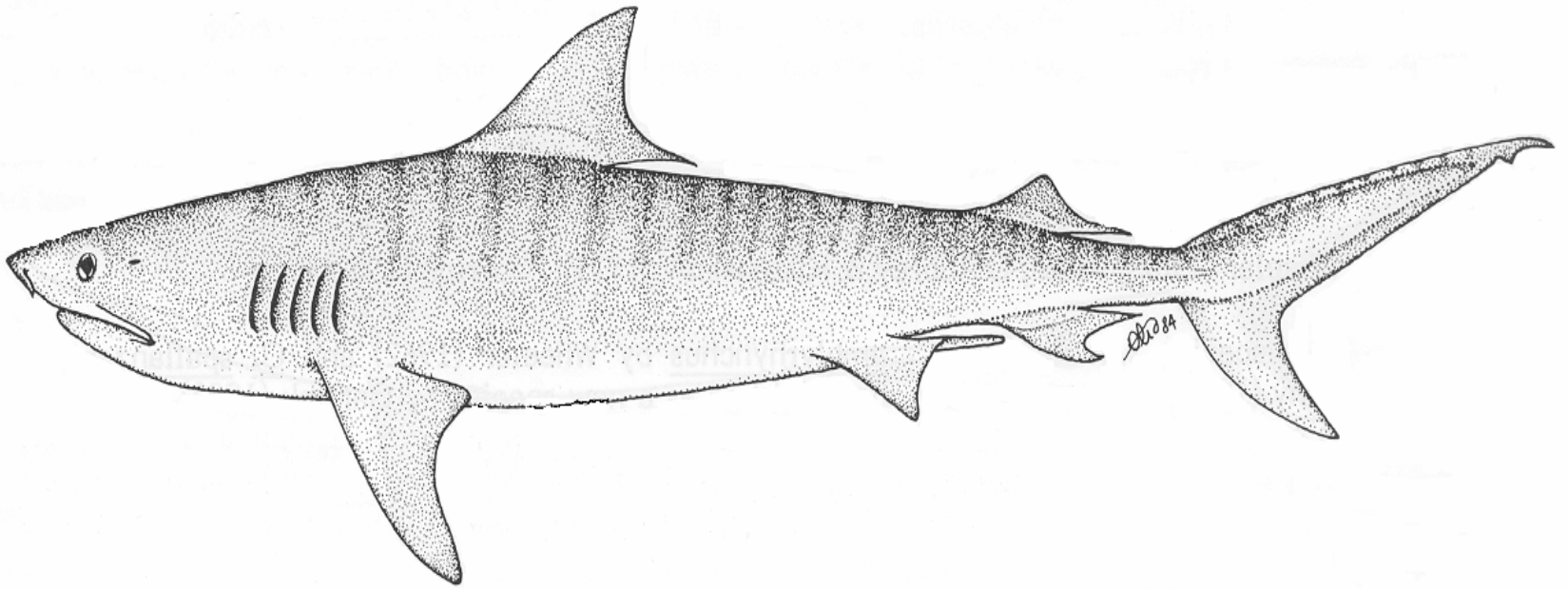
**Galapagos Sharks**





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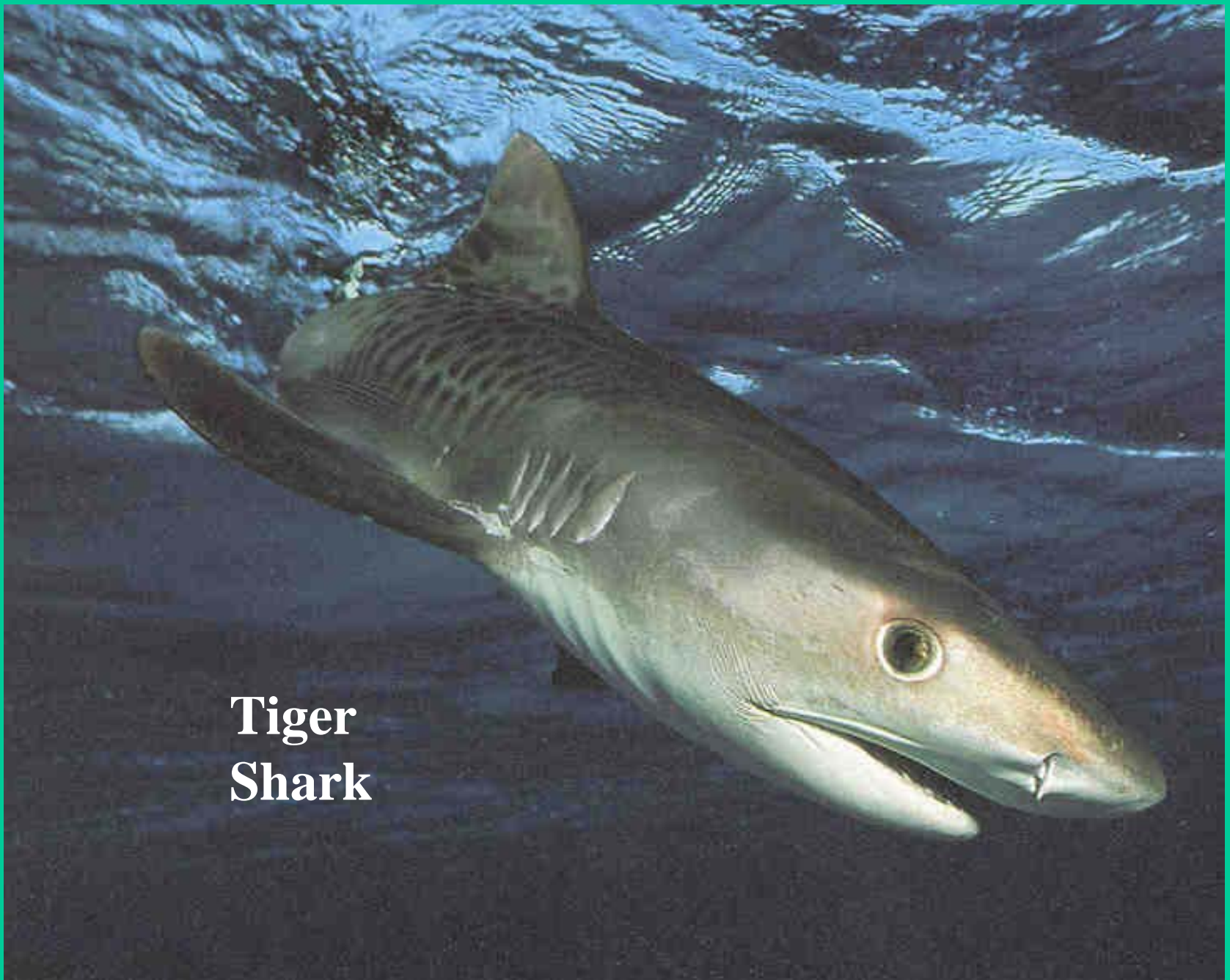
# Tiger Shark



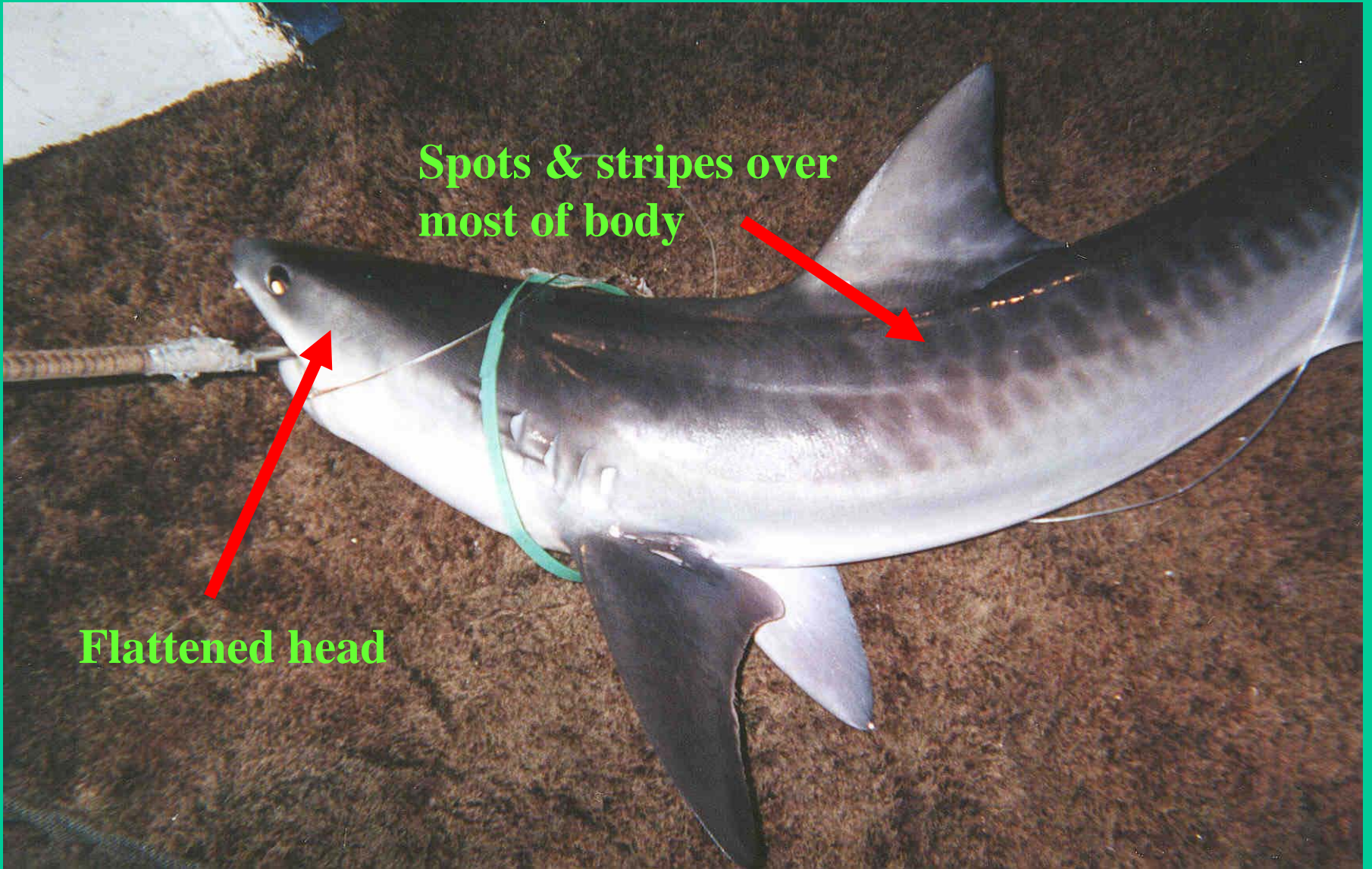
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**Tiger  
Shark**



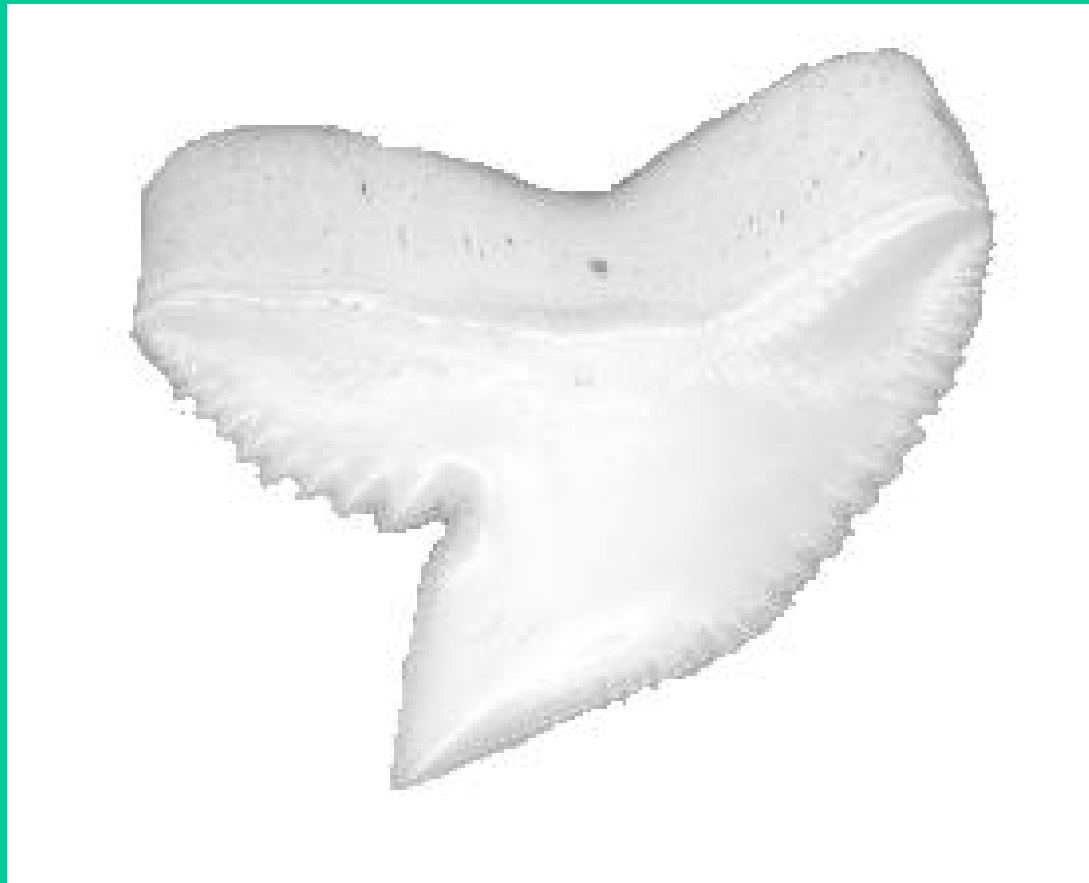




Spots & stripes over  
most of body

Flattened head





**Tiger sharks have distinctively shaped teeth.**





**Tiger Shark, juv.**





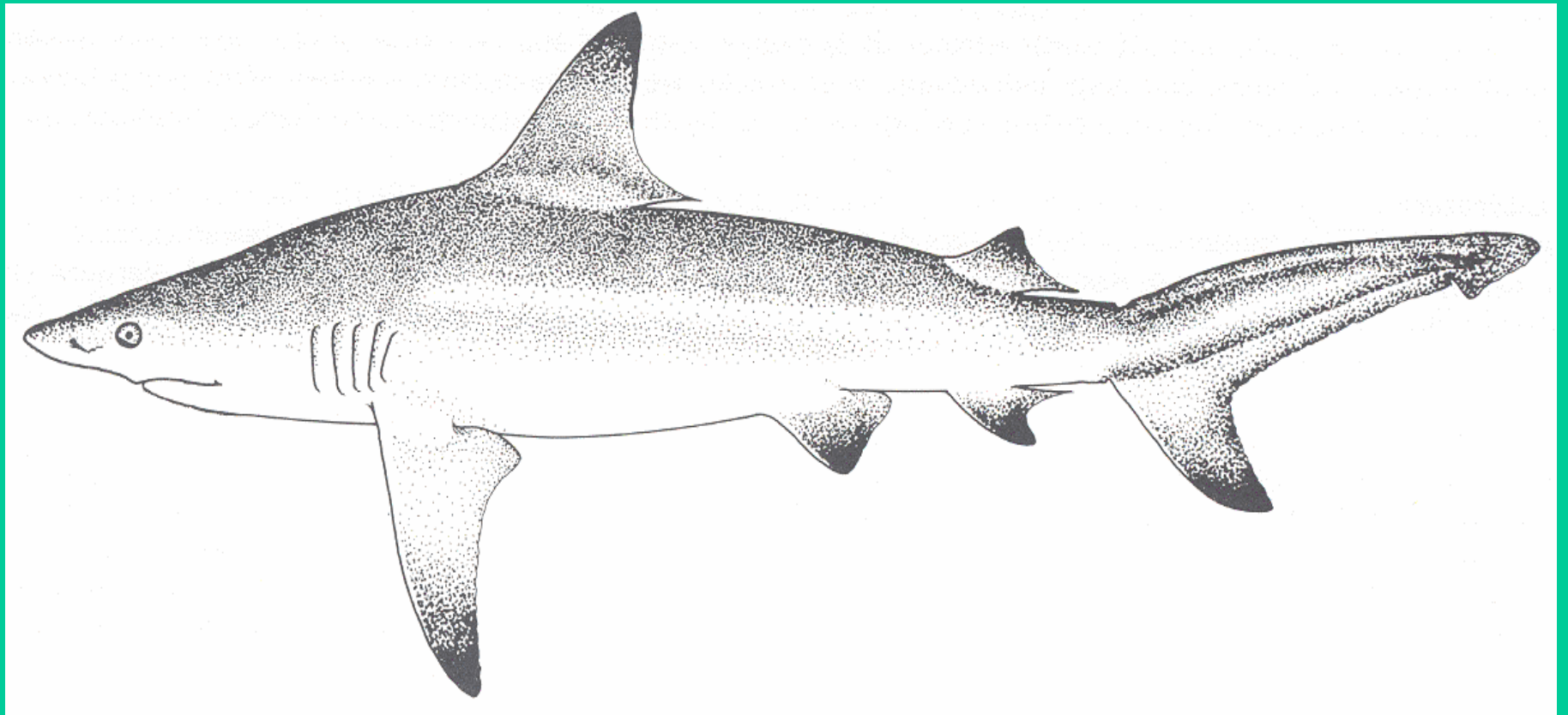
**Note wide blunt snout**



Faint stripes on large individuals.



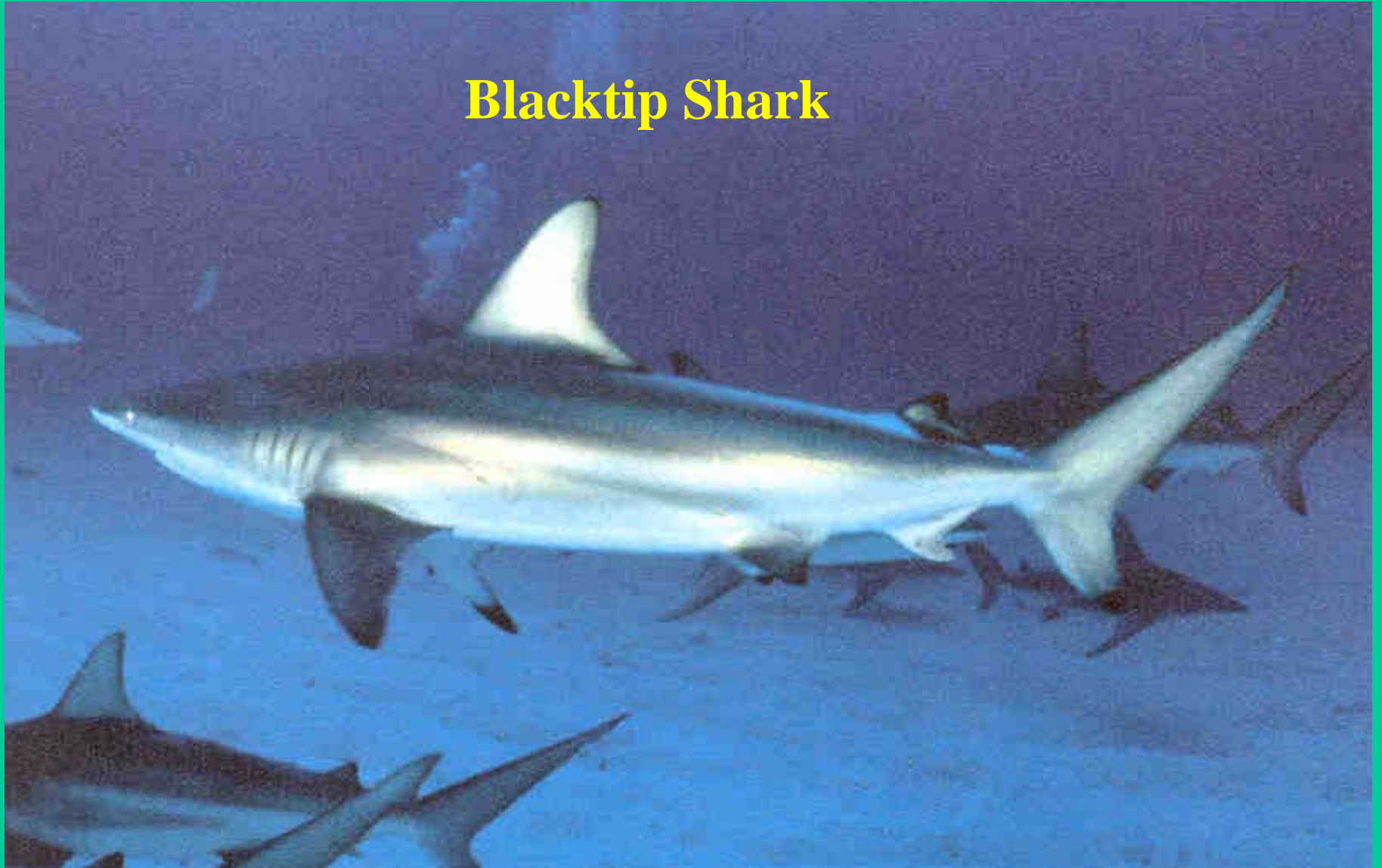
**Blacktip shark**  
*Carcharhinus limbatus*



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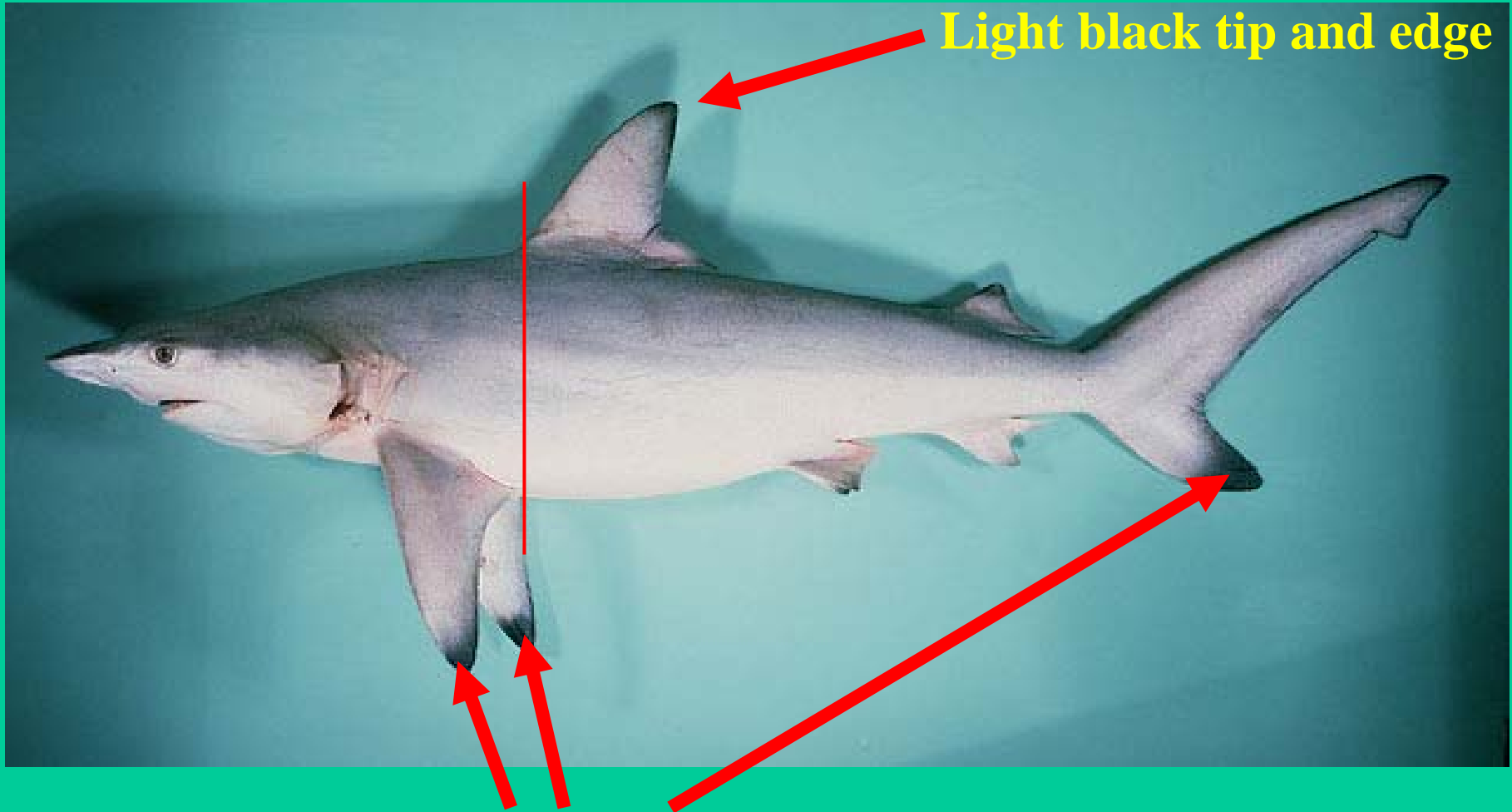


# Blacktip Shark



# Blacktip Shark

*Carcharhinus limbatus*



Light black tip and edge

Heavy black tips

\*Pectoral fin tips are black on top & bottom.



**A composite image from two pictures of the same shark.**